

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 1, 2003

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR PEDIATRIC IMMUNIZATION FUNDS FOR FY 2003-2004

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve application to State of California Department of Health Services (CDHS) for continued funding of pediatric immunization services in the amount of \$635,546 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
2. Approve the sub-contract with St. Mary Medical Center to provide pediatric immunization van services to rural populations in the high desert in the amount of \$42,502 from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item allows the Department of Public Health to receive funds from CDHS to provide continuing pediatric immunization services in San Bernardino County to reduce the prevalence of diseases preventable by immunizations.

This contract supports the following activities:

- Provides pediatric vaccines through clinics to approximately 56,000 children;
- Coordinates vaccination of at-risk infants to prevent perinatal transmission of hepatitis B;
- Provides education and information services to clients and health care providers;
- Assesses the immunization records in local medical provider offices;
- Monitors immunization rates in schools and child care facilities;
- Provides surveillance and outbreak control activities related to diseases preventable through vaccination;
- Provides walk-in immunization services at fifteen public health and community center sites throughout the County; and
- Offers immunization services in rural and remote areas of the high desert through a subcontract with St. Mary Hospital Mobile Van.

The second recommendation allows the County to pay St. Mary's for mobile pediatric immunization services. This ongoing component of the program was included in the Board approved grant application for the 2002-03 year. At the time of award, the Department inadvertently failed to renew the St. Mary's Contract. This recommendation allows the department to pay St. Mary's for services rendered in FY 2002-03 under the approved application and scope of work.

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The FY 2003-04 application amount was provided by phone from the Immunization Branch of the Department of Health Services on April 24, 2003. The State has confirmed that it expects the funds will be available since the funds originate from federal immunization grants that are passed through the state to local programs. When the state contract is received, the Department will return to the board for approval. The Department will also come forward to update the St. Mary's contract at that time.

Program Outcomes—These funds support general immunization activities within San Bernardino County designed to raise overall immunization rates among all of the county's children. The Kindergarten Retrospective Assessment Survey, which has been conducted since 1996, assesses the percentage of children with all their immunizations on time (up-to-date rate) for all San Bernardino County children. The results of this survey have shown a steady increase from the initial rate of 42.9% of children up-to-date in the 1996 survey. For 2002, the up-to-date rate for all children was 75.3%, an improvement of 8% from the 2001 results. These results indicate the impact of immunization activities conducted both by the Public Health Department, other immunization providers, community partners and other agencies concerned with childhood immunizations.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 17, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 19, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item requires no County local cost. Costs of \$635,546 are fully funded by the State Subvention and are included in the Department of Public Health's budget for FY 2003-04.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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